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Ref: (a) ALMAR 244/96
(b) ALMAR 152/98
(c) MCO P1552.4

1. Situation. To designate the responsible unit and provide general guidance for potential topics for the Commanding General's PME program during the period of October 2002 through August 2003, in compliance with the references.

2. Mission. The Commanding General's PME program will consist of a bi-monthly event where the officers (as well as government civilian equivalents and staff noncommissioned officers as appropriate) of Headquarters Battalion will participate in a guest lecture presentation, briefing, or discussion.

3. Execution. The basic guidelines for the PME program are as follows:

a. The guest lecturers will be an officer, staff noncommissioned officer, or civilian who has exceptional knowledge or firsthand experience in a specific military arena. Examples are individuals who are subject matter experts in a specific field or topic such as the Warfighting Lab or Tri-Care, who have recently returned from duty as a member of a selection board, who have recently attended a Marine Forces, Training and Education Command, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, or similar level seminar or briefing, or can provide specific insight into unique operations or events held aboard the Combat Center. The guest lecturers could also be provided through the Marine Corps Association. Some examples of guest lecturers are Senator John Glenn, General Al Gray, or some local notable Southern California residents such as Commander Lloyd Bucher (former commander of the Pueblo). For additional information on MCA guest lecturers, contact the MCA West Coast Representative at (760) 385-0395. Whenever possible, these PME sessions will be followed by a social hour to share in the camaraderie and further discuss the topic at hand.

b. The Commanding General's PME program does not preclude the requirement for a structured and focused PME on the individual requirements of references (a) and (b), the Commander's Reading List, and reference (c), the Marine Corps PME Program. Specific requirements by grade are outlined in the references.

c. The Commanding Officer of Headquarters Battalion will oversee the Commanding General's PME program. Individual directorates have been assigned the month for which they are responsible for planning, coordinating, advertising, and executing the PME during that particular month. This

responsibility includes all hosting responsibilities and making arrangements for transportation and billeting, if necessary.

d. Each designated Director will determine an appropriate topic and will provide PME during the month indicated below:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Directorate</u>
Oct 2002	I&L
Dec 2002	TTECG
Feb 2003	MCCS
Apr 2003	C&D
Jun 2003	PMO
Aug 2003	O&T

4. Administration and Logistics. Distribution Statement A-2 directives issued by the Commanding General are distributed via e-mail. This Bulletin can be viewed at <http://www.29palms.usmc.mil/dirs/manpower/adj>.

5. Command and Signal

a. Signal. This Bulletin is effective the date signed.

b. Command. This Bulletin is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.


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